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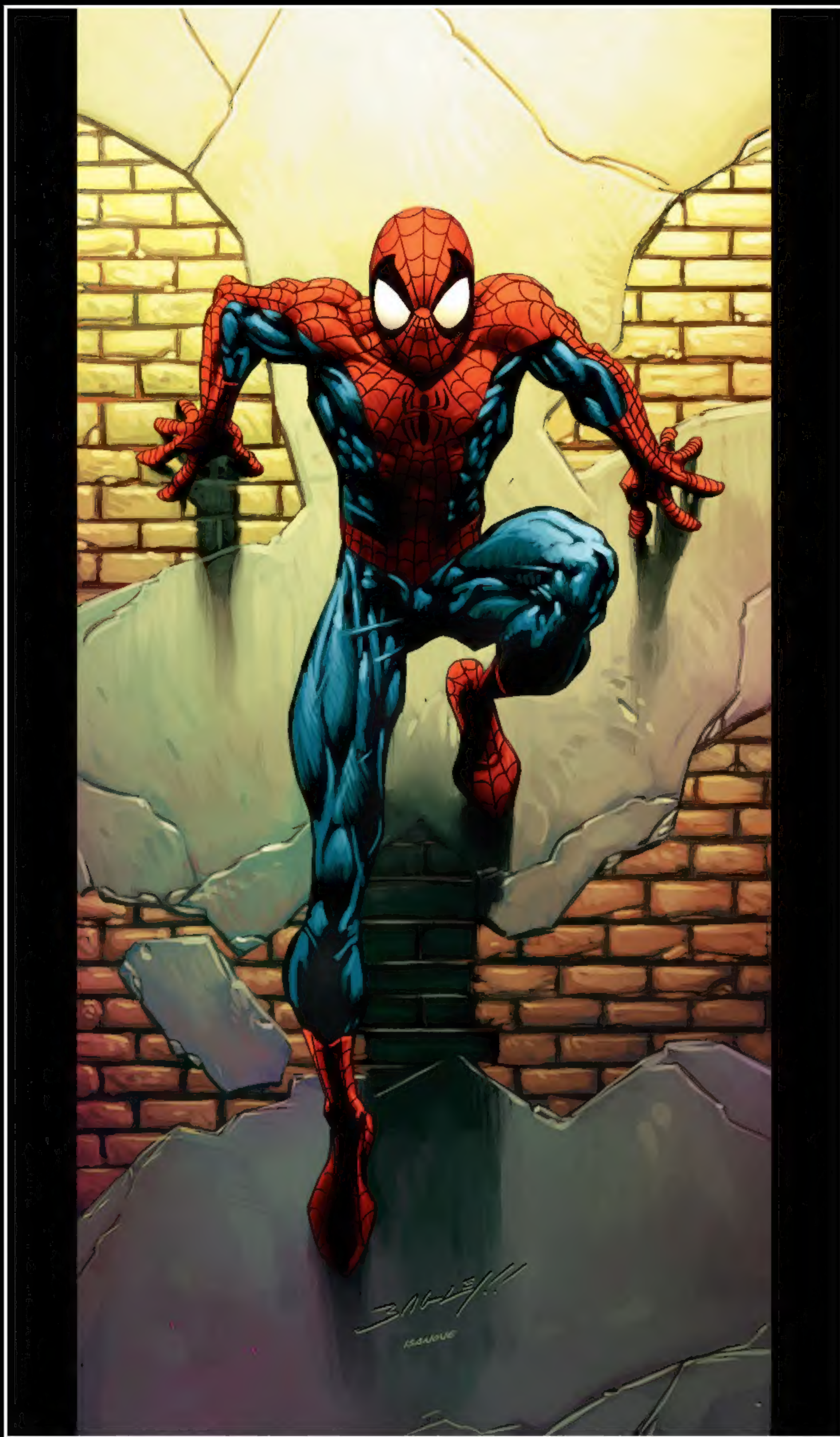
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"HOBGOBLIN" PART 2



Norman Osborn, the father of Peter's best friend, Harry, was developing a wonder drug called Oz. Testing of the mystery drug genetically altered a spider which accidentally created Spider-Man.

In an attempt to repeat the process on himself, Osborn destroyed his own life. He mutated himself into a hulking goblin figure. Driven mad by the mutation, he set out to erase any memory of his own existence. He killed his wife and attempted to kill his own son.

In fact, one of Spider-Man's first tests of mettle was fighting the mysterious Goblin.

Harry Osborn has been witness to all of his father's shocking and violent Goblin outbursts. Norman Osborn recently escaped from S.H.I.E.L.D. custody and tried to use Peter as part of a commando brigade against the White House. Nick Fury led the Ultimates and Spider-Man to a successful defeat of Osborn, but was forced to use Harry Osborn as a decoy.

A dumbstruck Harry witnessed the violent defeat of his father. Peter tried to comfort his old friend. The only words Harry could mutter were: "I'll kill you all."

That was the last time Peter, or anyone, saw Harry until a few days ago when he resurfaced, back in Forest Hills. Later, Harry showed up at Peter's house and accused Peter of stealing his girlfriend, Mary Jane Watson!

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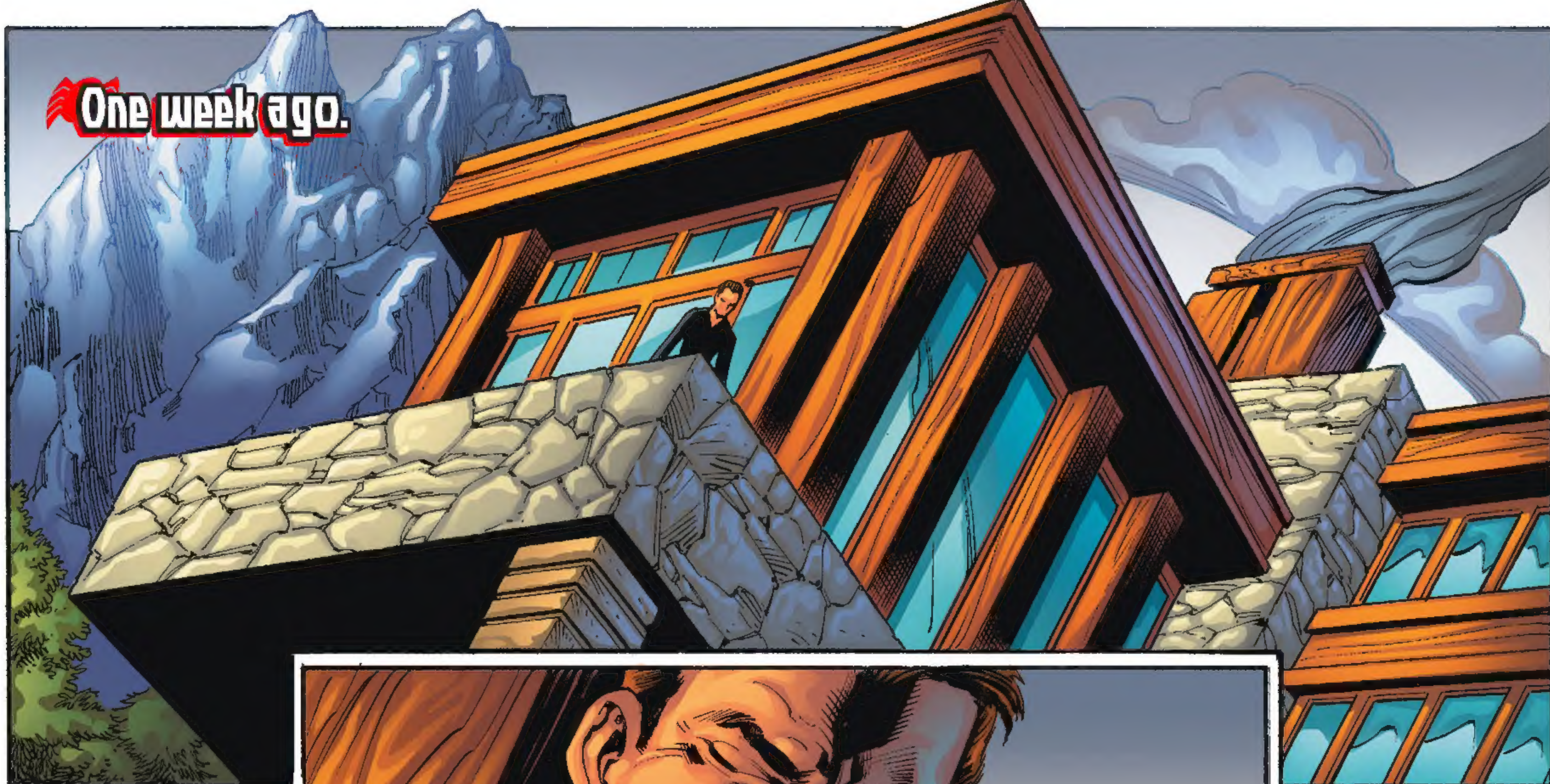
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One week ago.



DAD? WHAT
DID YOU DO?
DAD!!!

OH, MY GOD,
P-PETER?



And this
is what the
great Nick
Fury has
sunk to...

Shoving my
own child in
front of
me.



Sorry,
kid.

Wasn't
the plan.

Harry,
I...



Harry...



Harry,
sorry to keep
you waiting.

It's been
one of those
decades.



Uh, I-
uh...

No one
told you I was
coming?

No. I
was- I was
just--

Do you
remember who
I am?



Do I
remember
who you
are?



You
know who
I am?



You're
Nick Fury.

You, like, run
the world. You're
on TV every ten
minutes.

I don't run
the world- I
work to keep
the world
safe.

But you...
don't remember
meeting me
before?

We met before?
D'you know my dad?

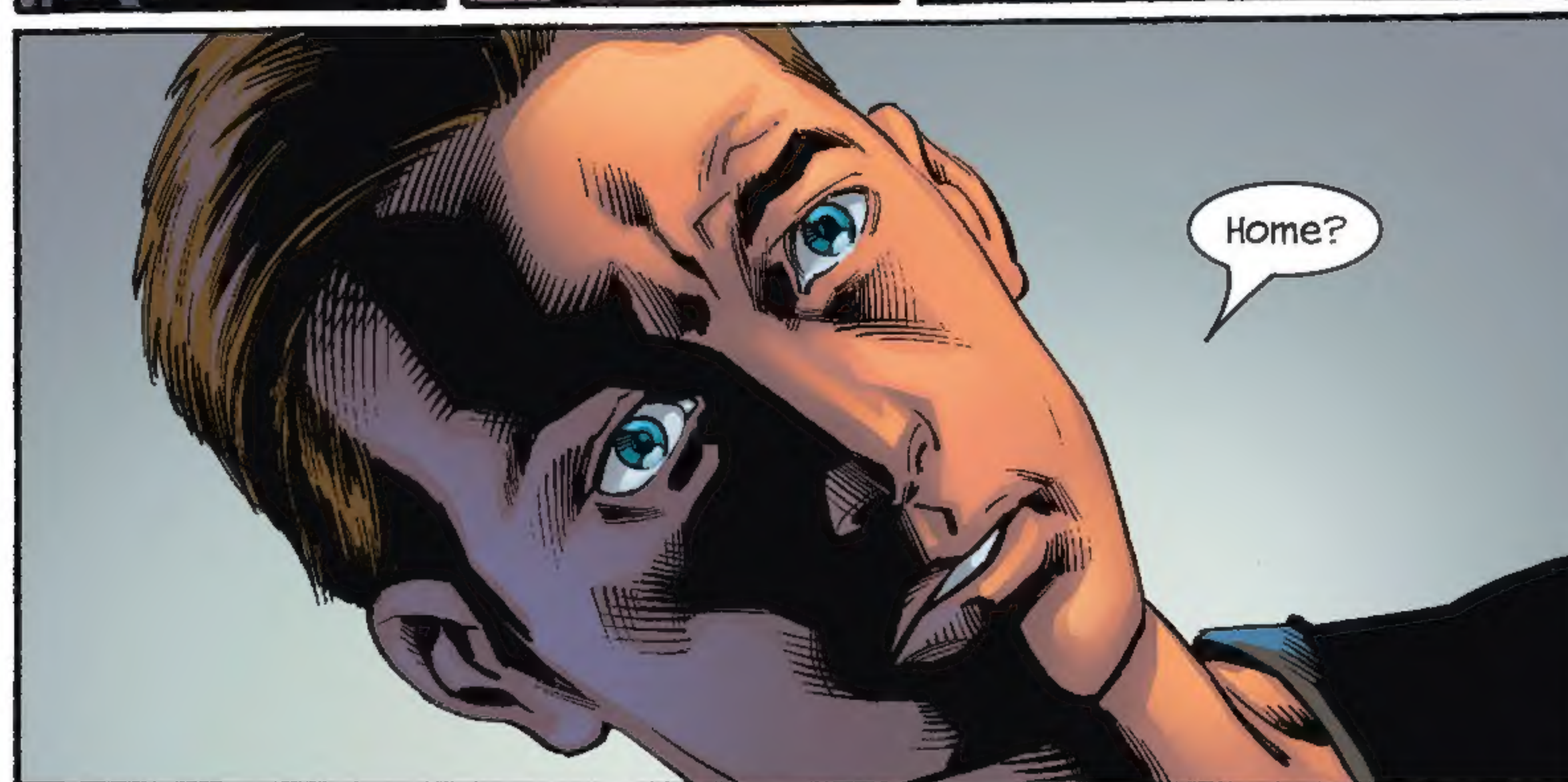


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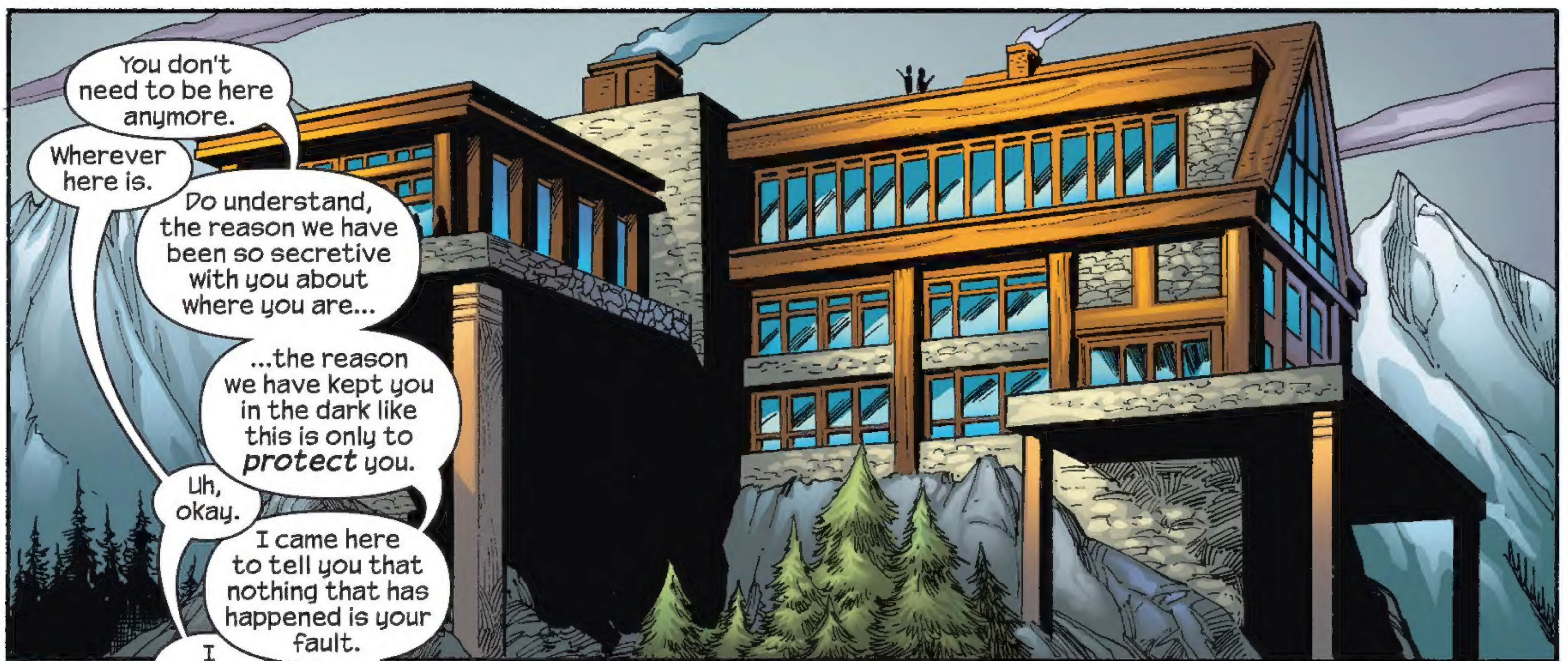


I came here special.
I made a special trip
to see you--

--to tell you
you're finally
going home.



Home?



You don't need to be here anymore.

Wherever here is.

Do understand, the reason we have been so secretive with you about where you are...

...the reason we have kept you in the dark like this is only to *protect* you.

Uh, okay.

I came here to tell you that nothing that has happened is your fault.

I know.

I didn't do anything wrong.

Do you know *whose* fault it is?

Umm...

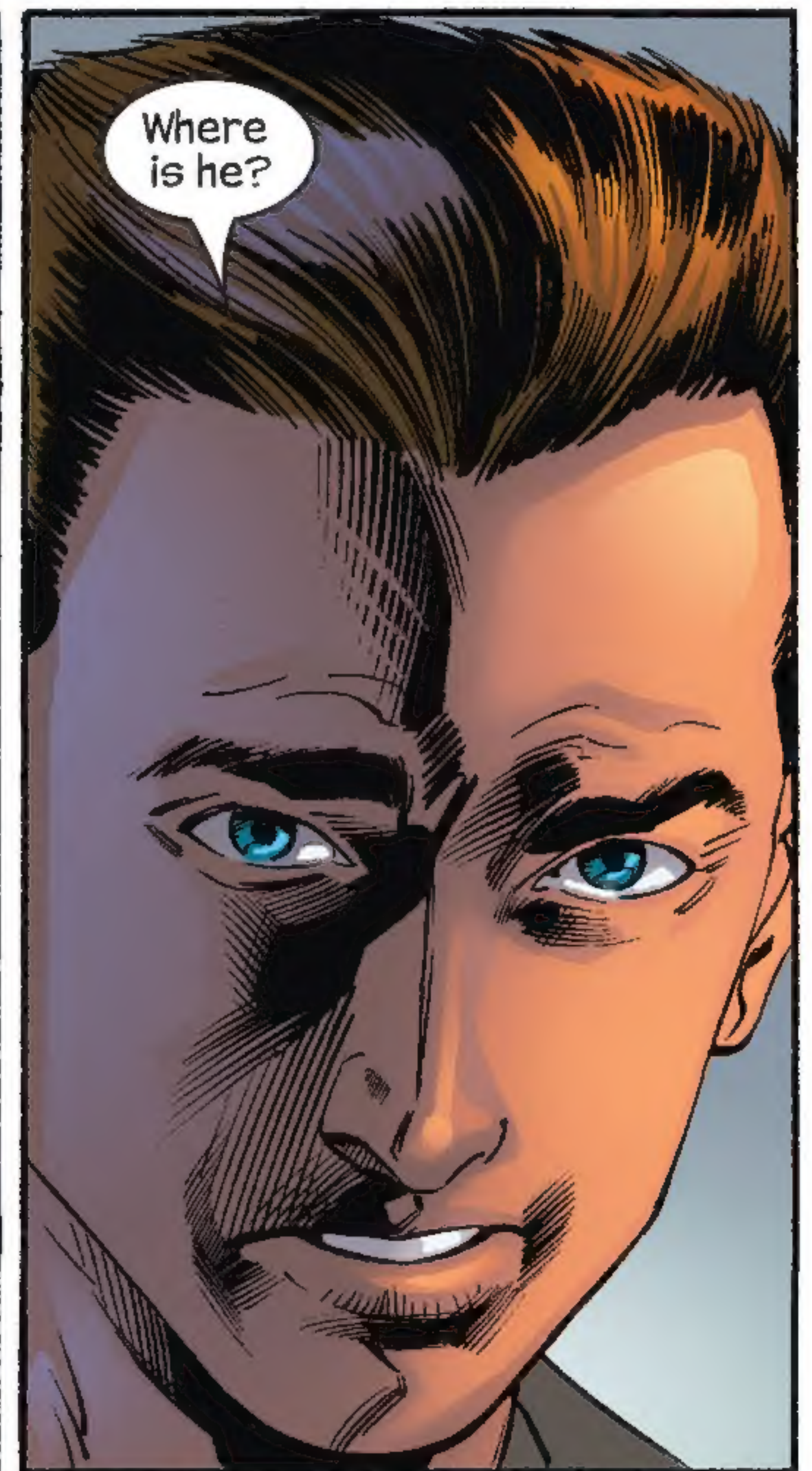
Everything that happened, happened because of your *father*.

Norman Osborn turned himself into something he could not control, something dangerous.

But that danger is over, so it's time for you to slide back into society.

We can't hold you here anymore.

Where is he?



He's locked away safe. He can't hurt you.



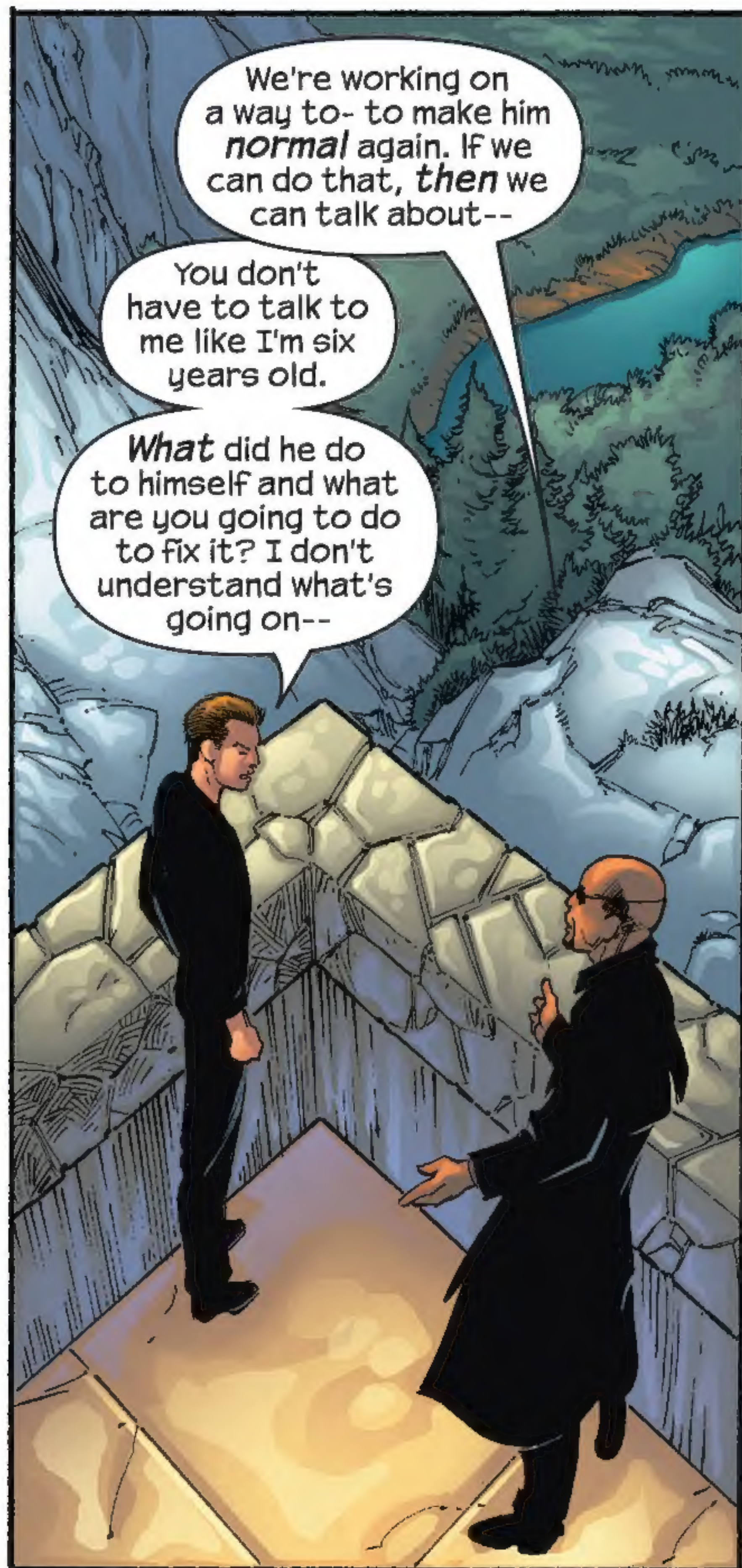
I'd like to see him.



No.



Why?



We're working on a way to- to make him *normal* again. If we can do that, *then* we can talk about--

You don't have to talk to me like I'm six years old.

What did he do to himself and what are you going to do to fix it? I don't understand what's going on--



I'm *not* talking down to you.

I'm trying to explain myself to you but it's difficult because you don't seem to--

--because most of this information is classified.

For national security purposes I'm not allowed to discuss *any* of this with you at all.

You *are* just a civilian.



But I do feel bad for what happened to you.

I feel bad that you got thrown in the middle of all this.

You're just a kid.

Kids like you, you and your friend Peter Parker, you shouldn't be involved in things like this at your age.

Even- do know- even if we cure your father...

...and we will try everything in our power to do so...



Do know your father made some bad choices.

And he's going to have to pay for them.



Bad choices?



He killed your mother, Harry.

And he's killed a great many more than that.



That's not true.

It was a *fire*.

My mom died in a fire.



Kid...

I'm just going to- okay.

Your father genetically mutated himself into a monster that--



Kid...

For what it's worth, your father was *close* to greatness.

He was a great mind and an *amazing* businessman...

And the experiments he was funding were on the- on the *cusp* of something truly great.

But as the saying goes- almost doesn't count.

You're going to have to try to forget about him for now.

You're going to have to get some help and try to start a new chapter.

Start over.

How?

I have no mom or dad. I have no home.

But you do have *family*.

Your grandfather Amberson is going to take care of you.

He's waiting for you. We're going to take you to him.

You can go back to school if you want, you have your friends.

(But I *strongly* recommend continuing your therapy...)

And you're not being released into the world empty-handed.

What does *that* mean?

Means everything your parents owned...

...it's yours.

What has happened to you and your family- it's very unique.

It's a one-of-a-kind tragedy.

So we rigged it for you so you are legally being treated as an orphan in the eyes of the United States.

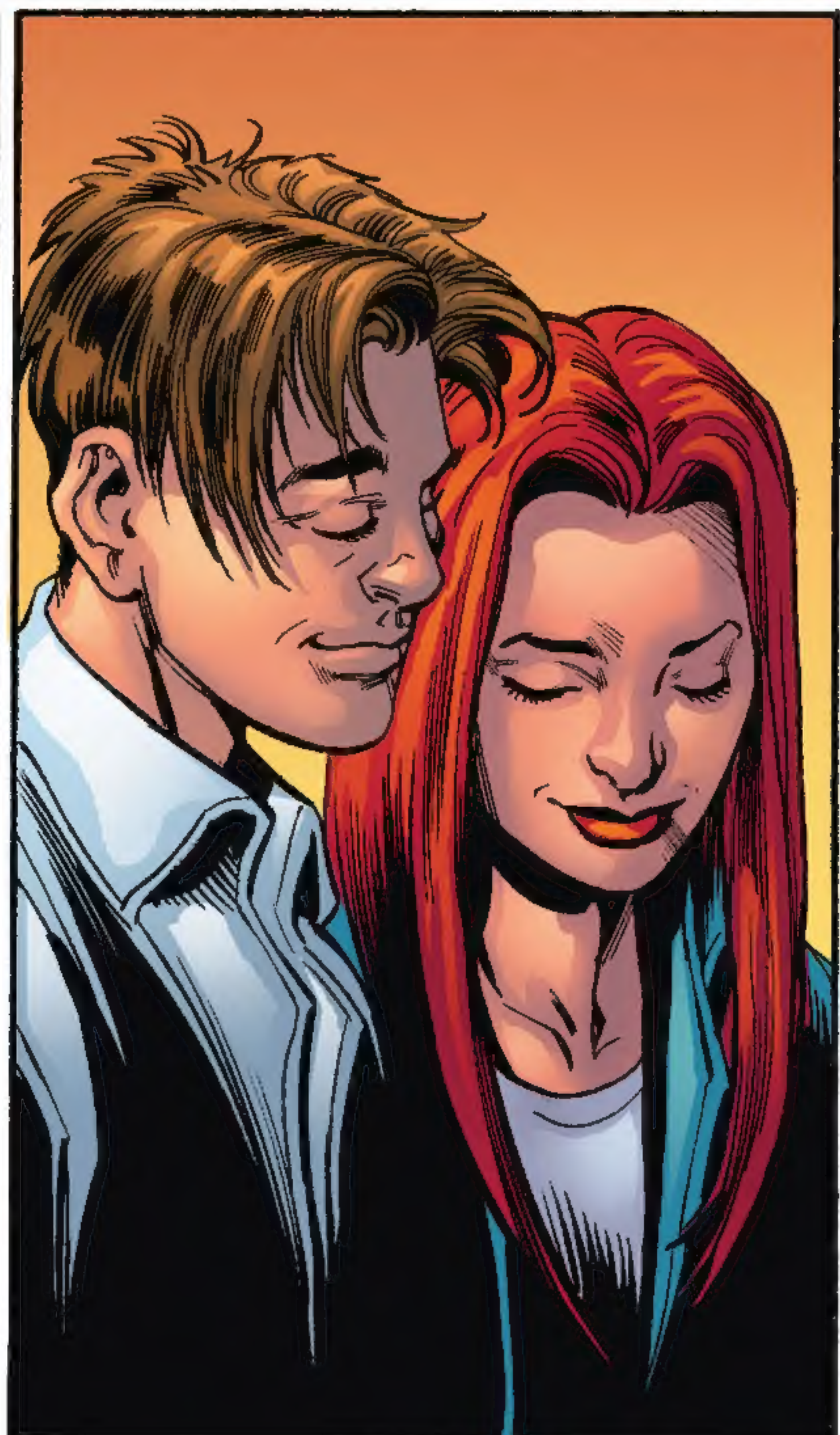
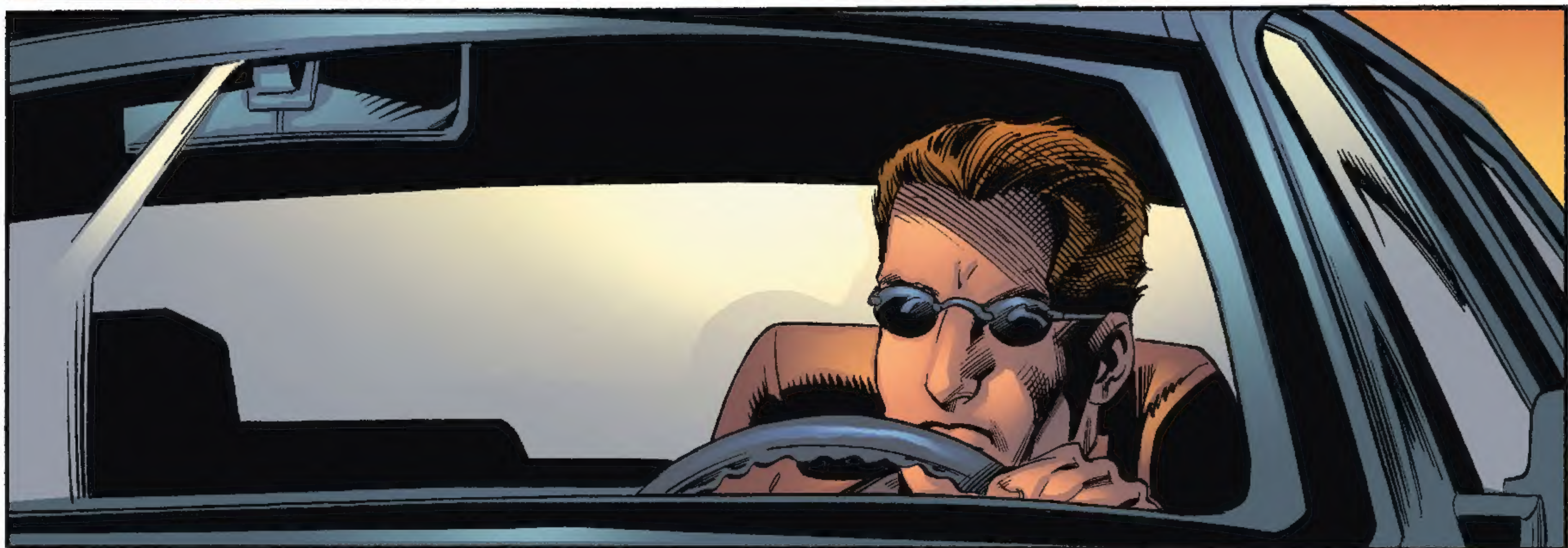
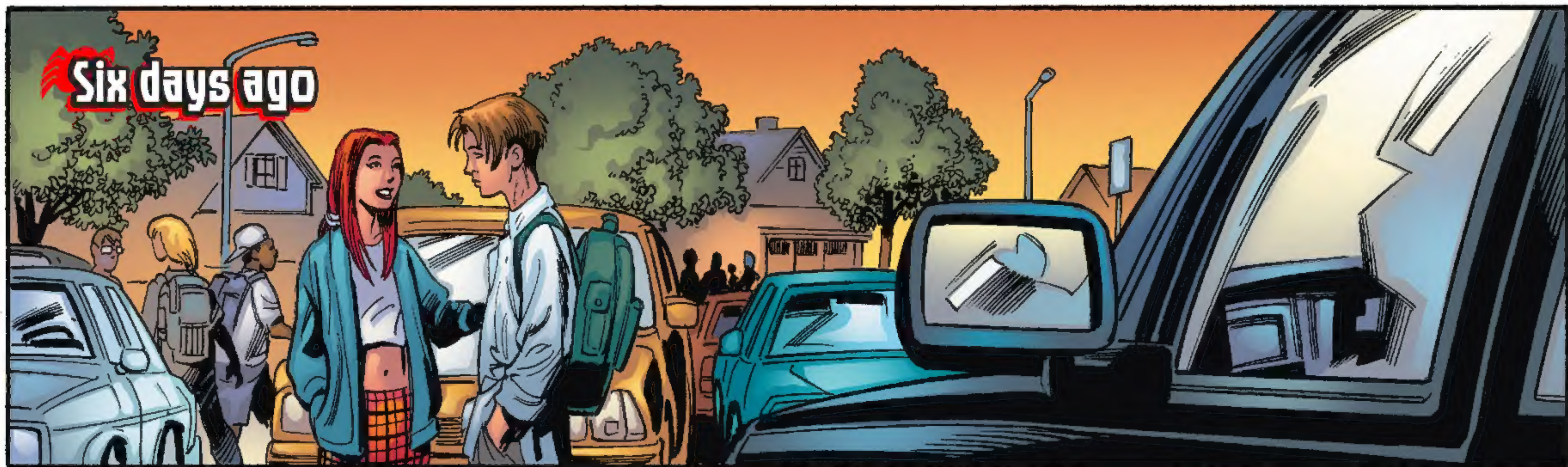
Least we could do, I think.

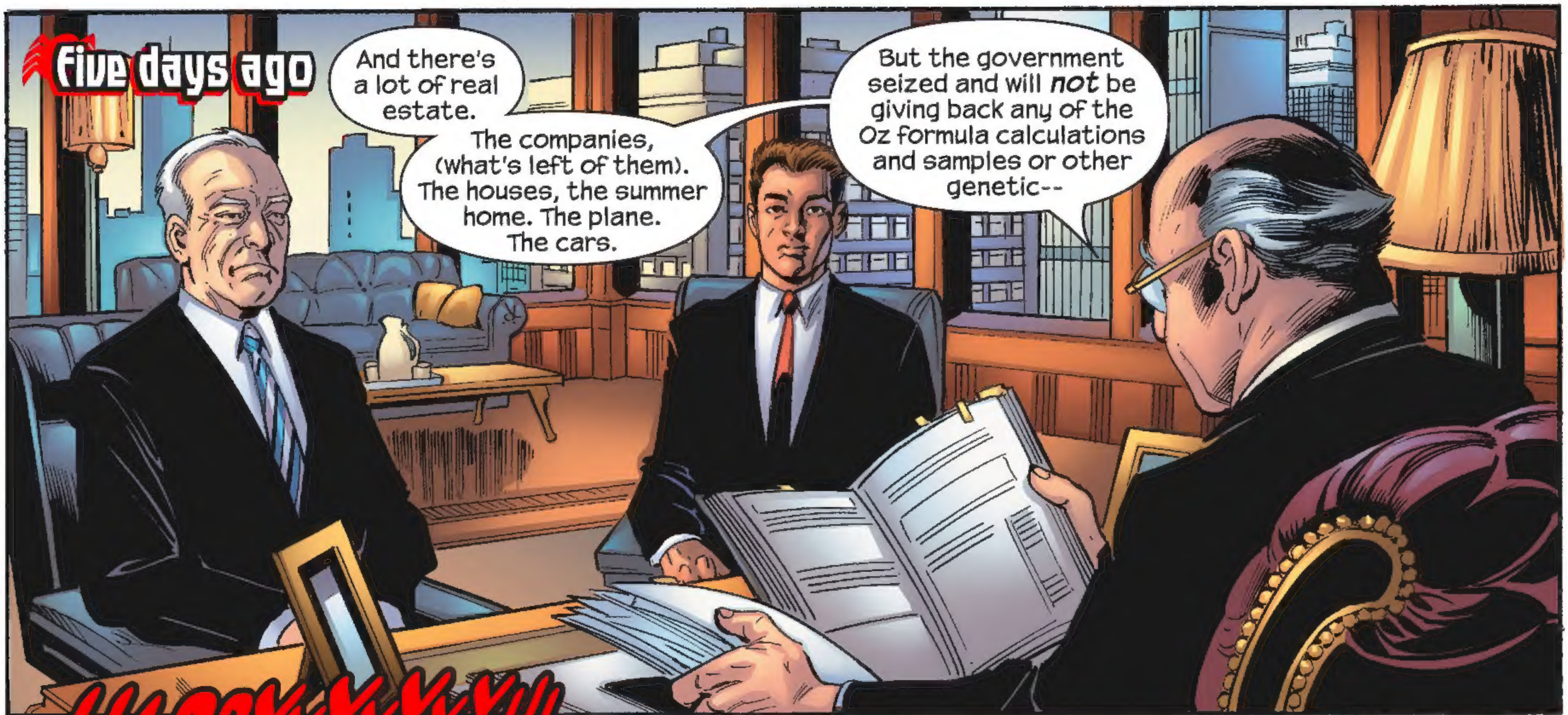
And your father *was* worth north of a hundred million dollars and...



Yeah.

You're officially the richest kid at school.

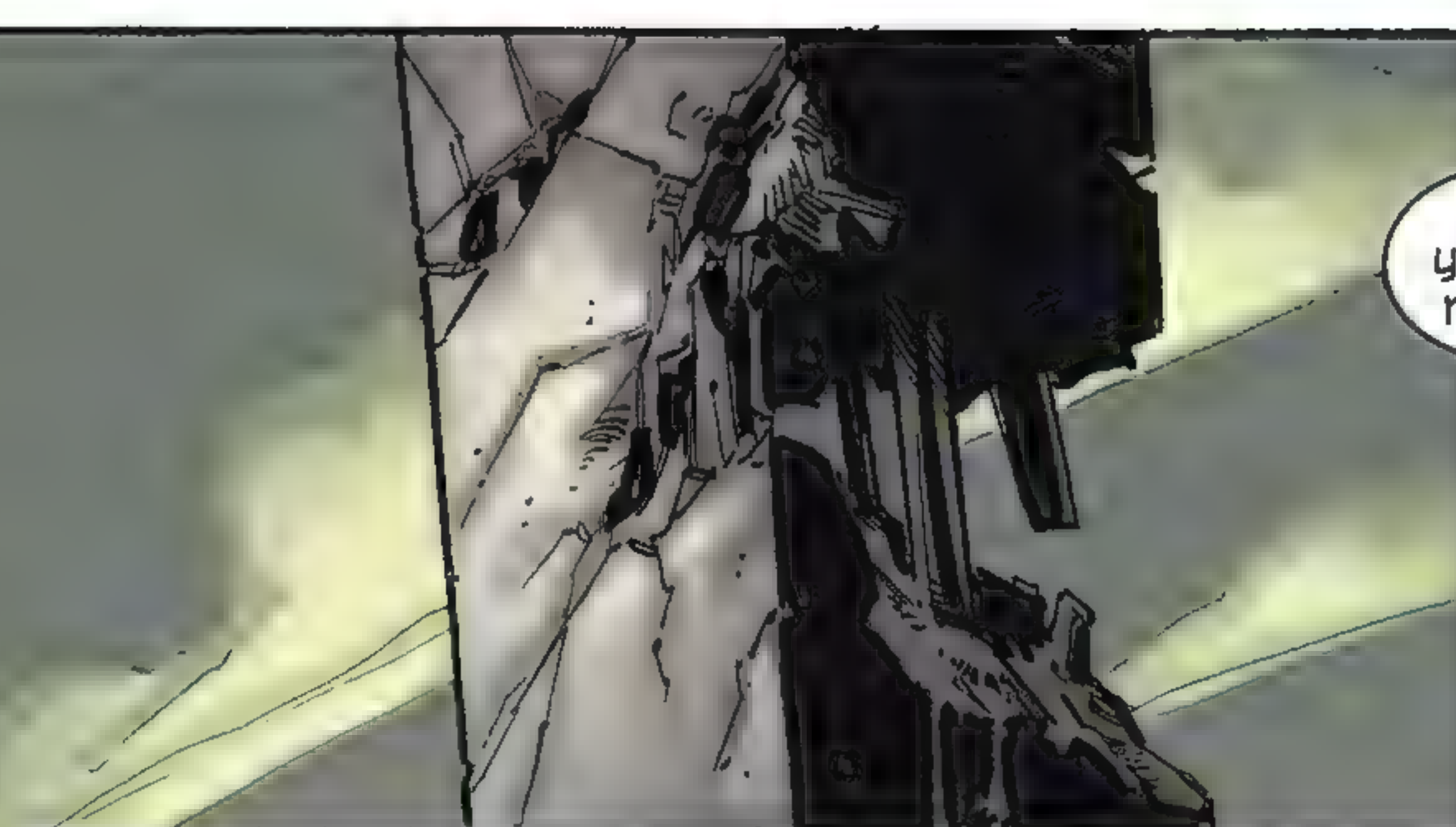




HARRYYYYYYY!!!



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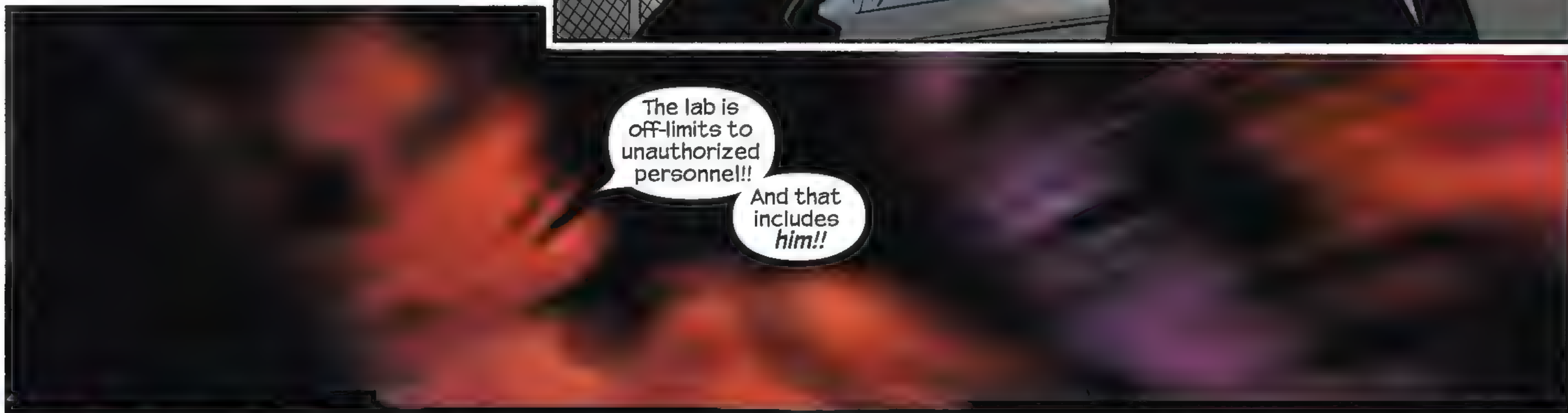
Are you all right?



Grandpa, This is-- I was--

I-I know I was here.

I just--



The lab is off-limits to unauthorized personnel!!

And that includes him!!



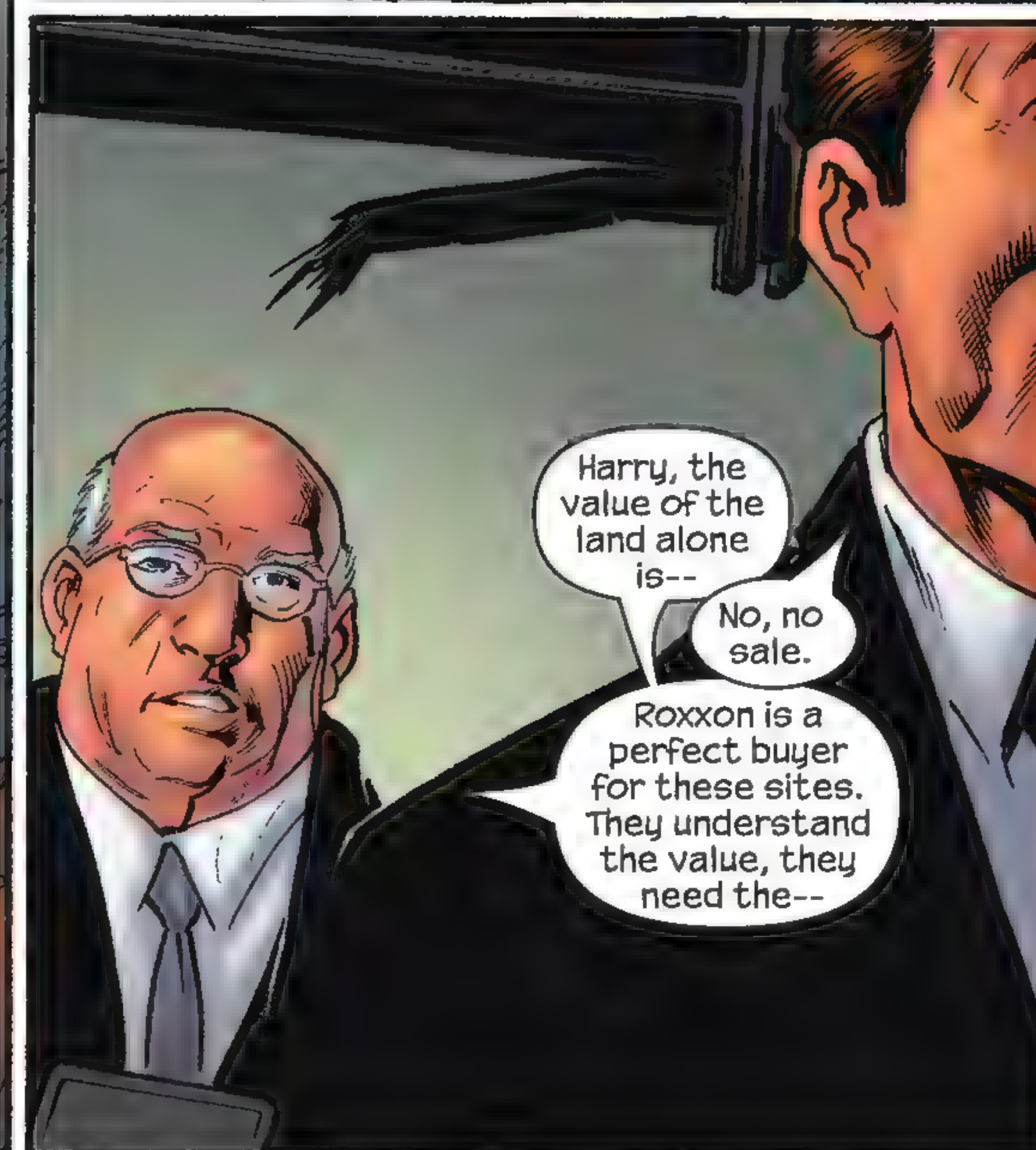
This-- something happened here--

I know...

Roxxon Oil put in a purchase bid for all the laboratory sites.

It's a pretty good offer but we think we can get it up to--

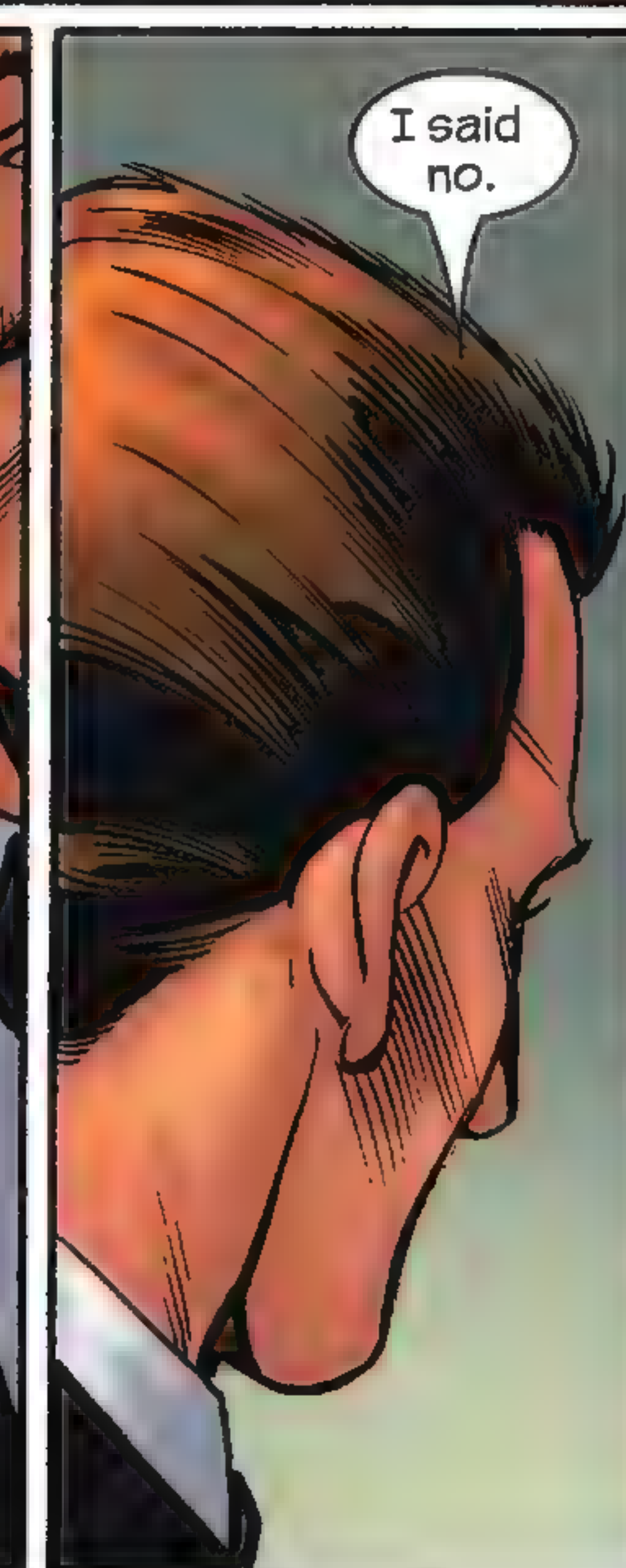
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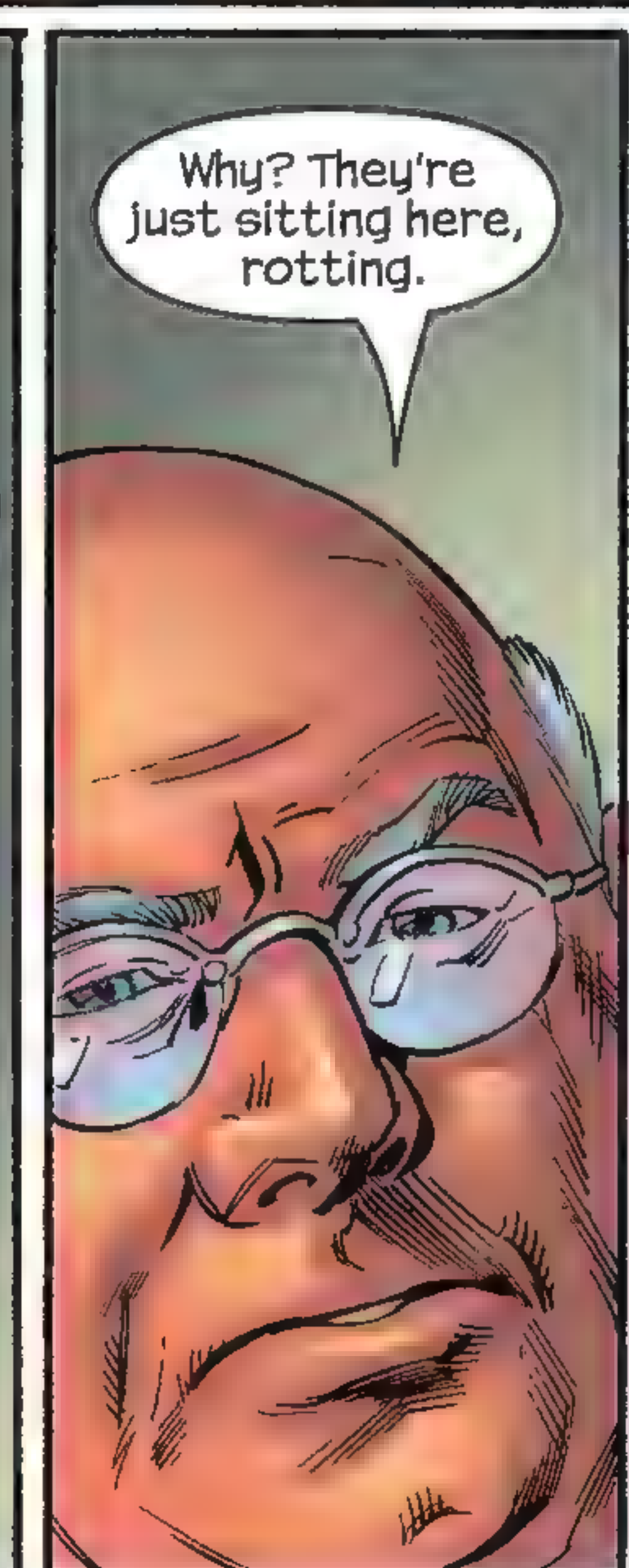
Harry, the value of the land alone is--

No, no sale.

Roxxon is a perfect buyer for these sites. They understand the value, they need the--



I said no.

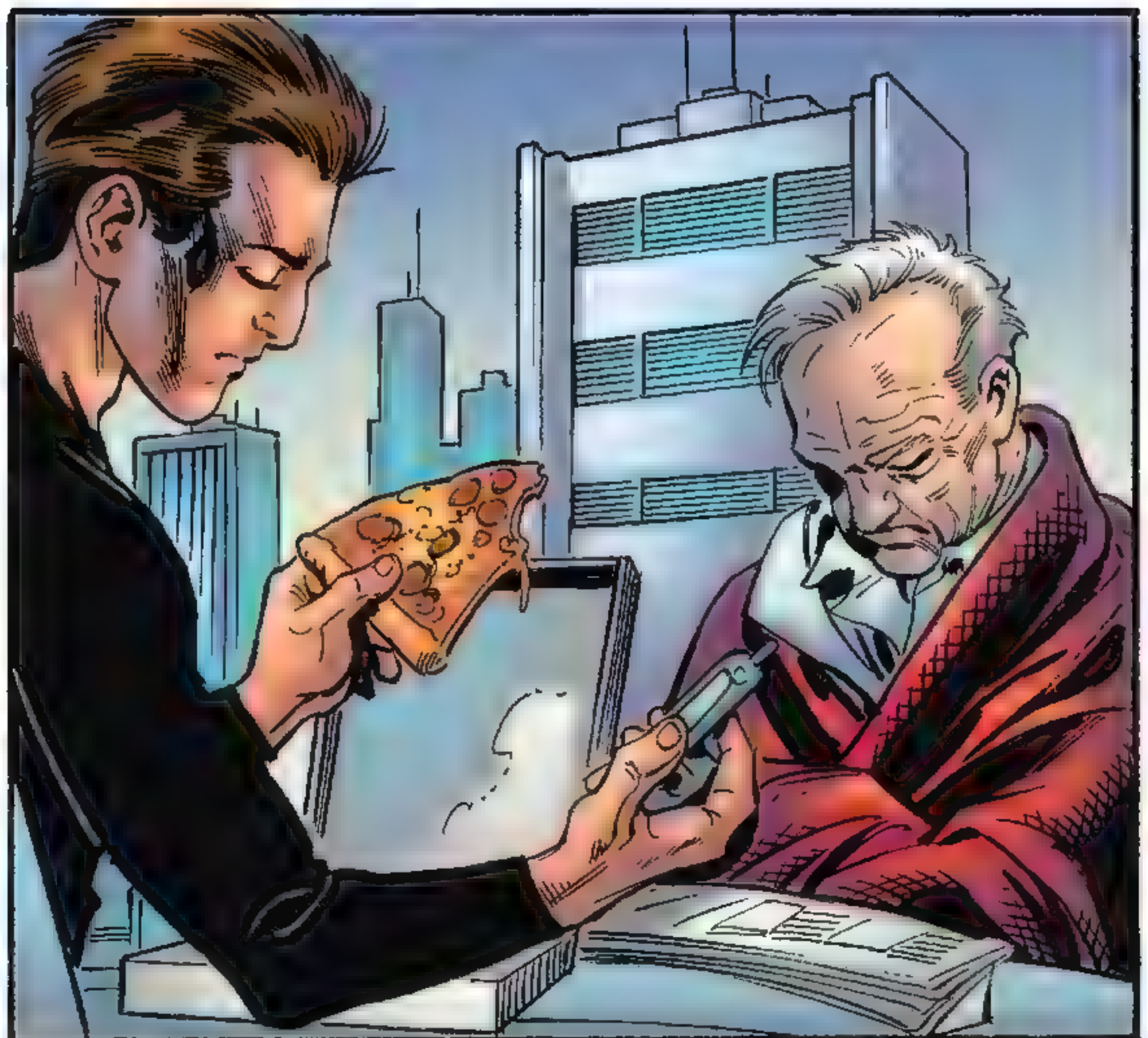


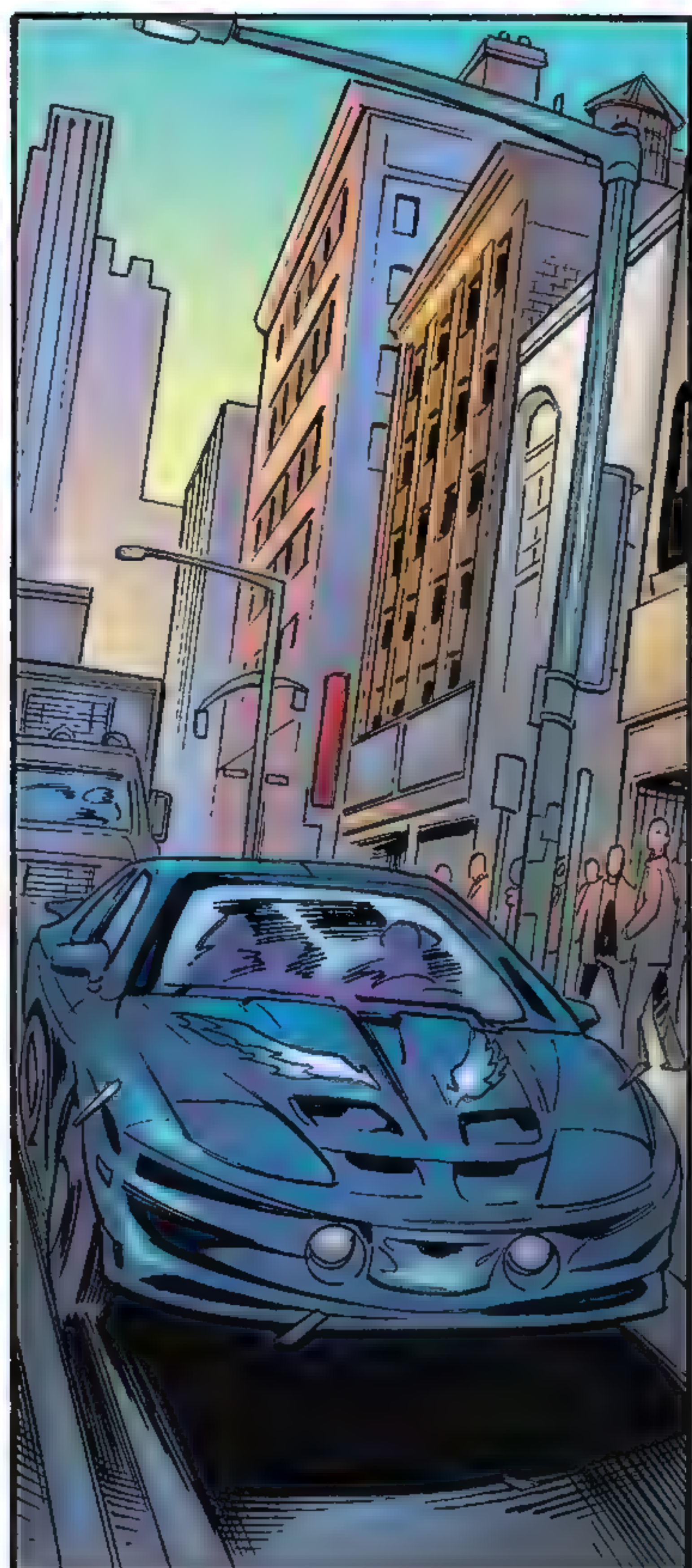
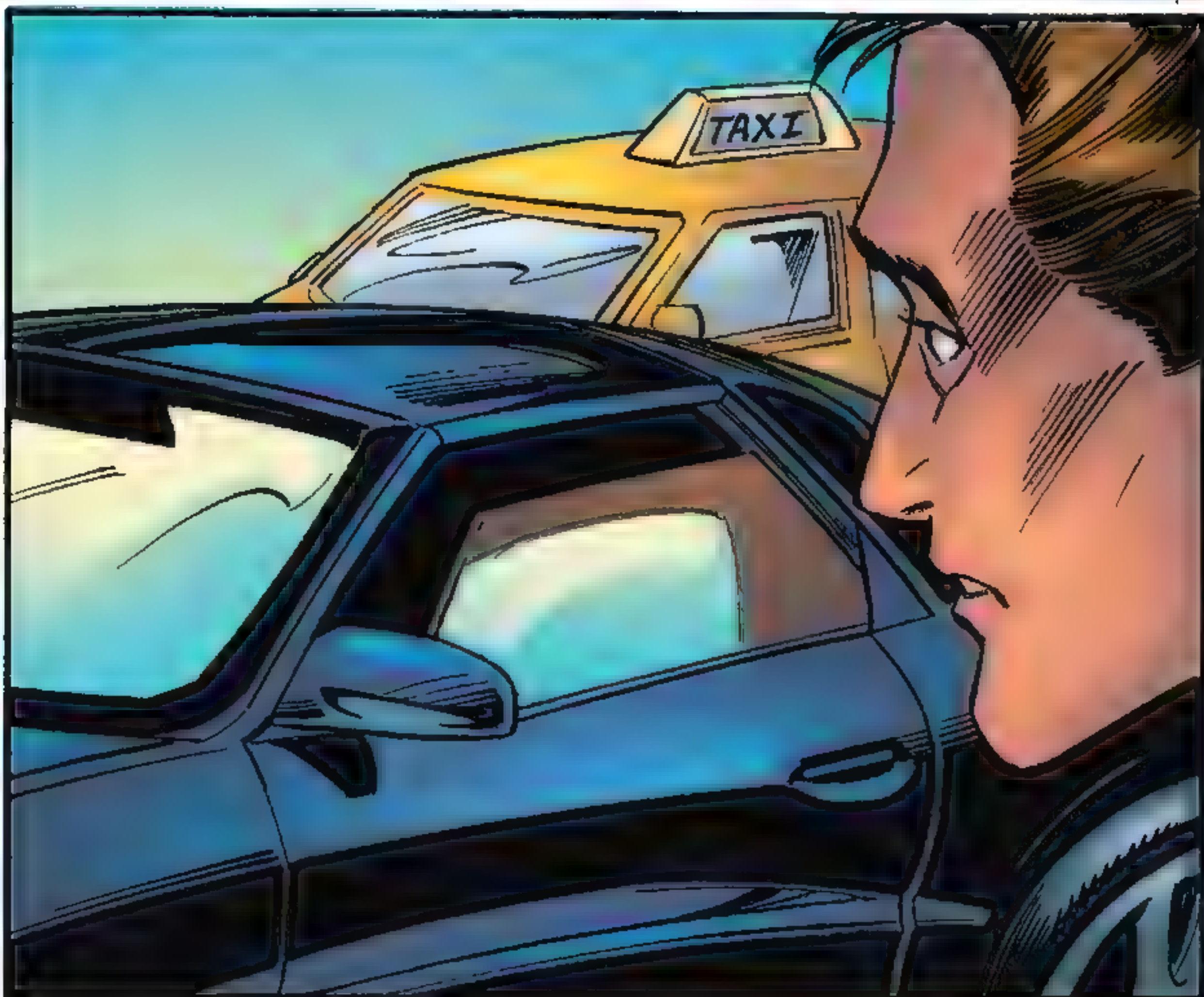
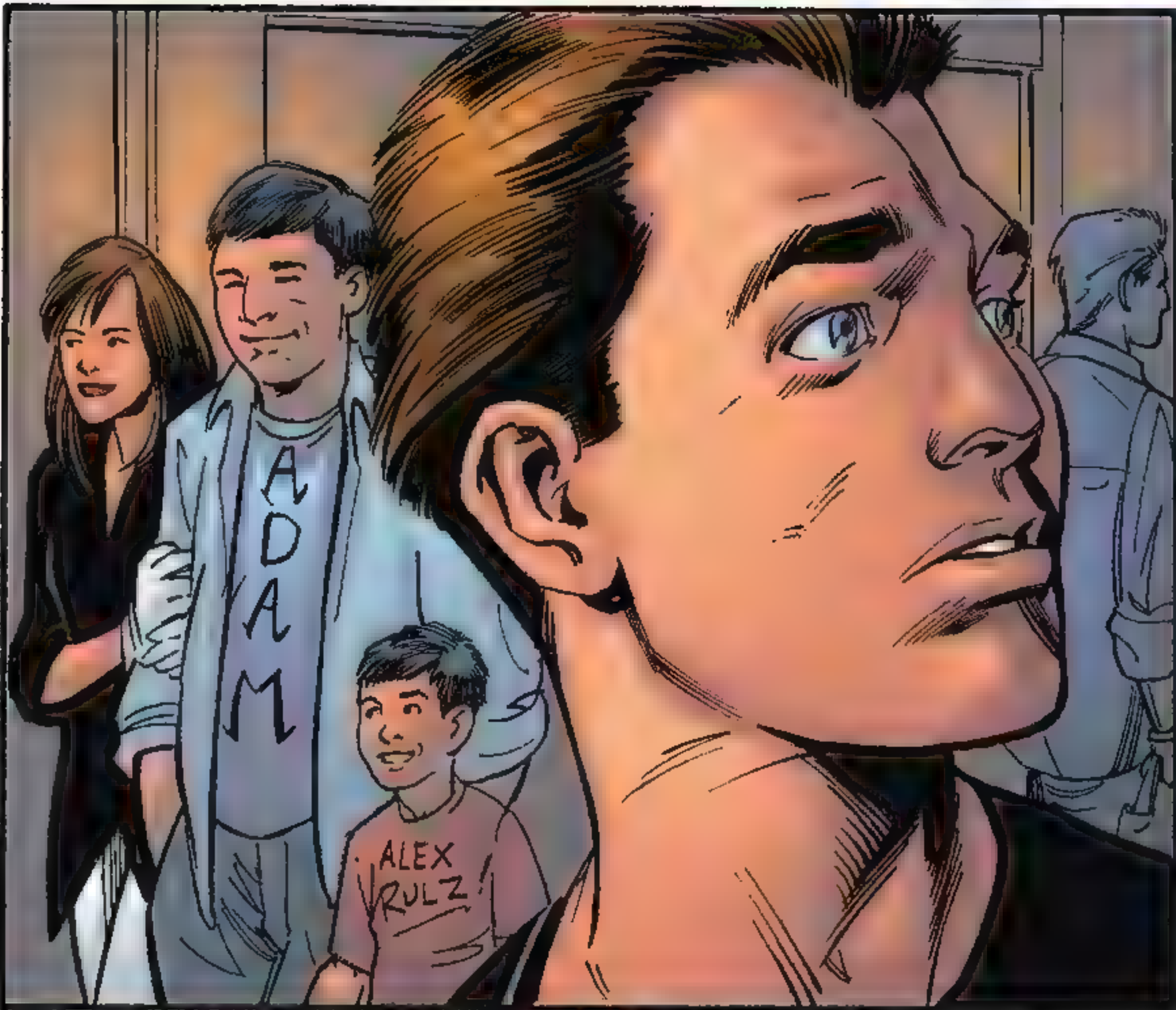
Why? They're just sitting here, rotting.

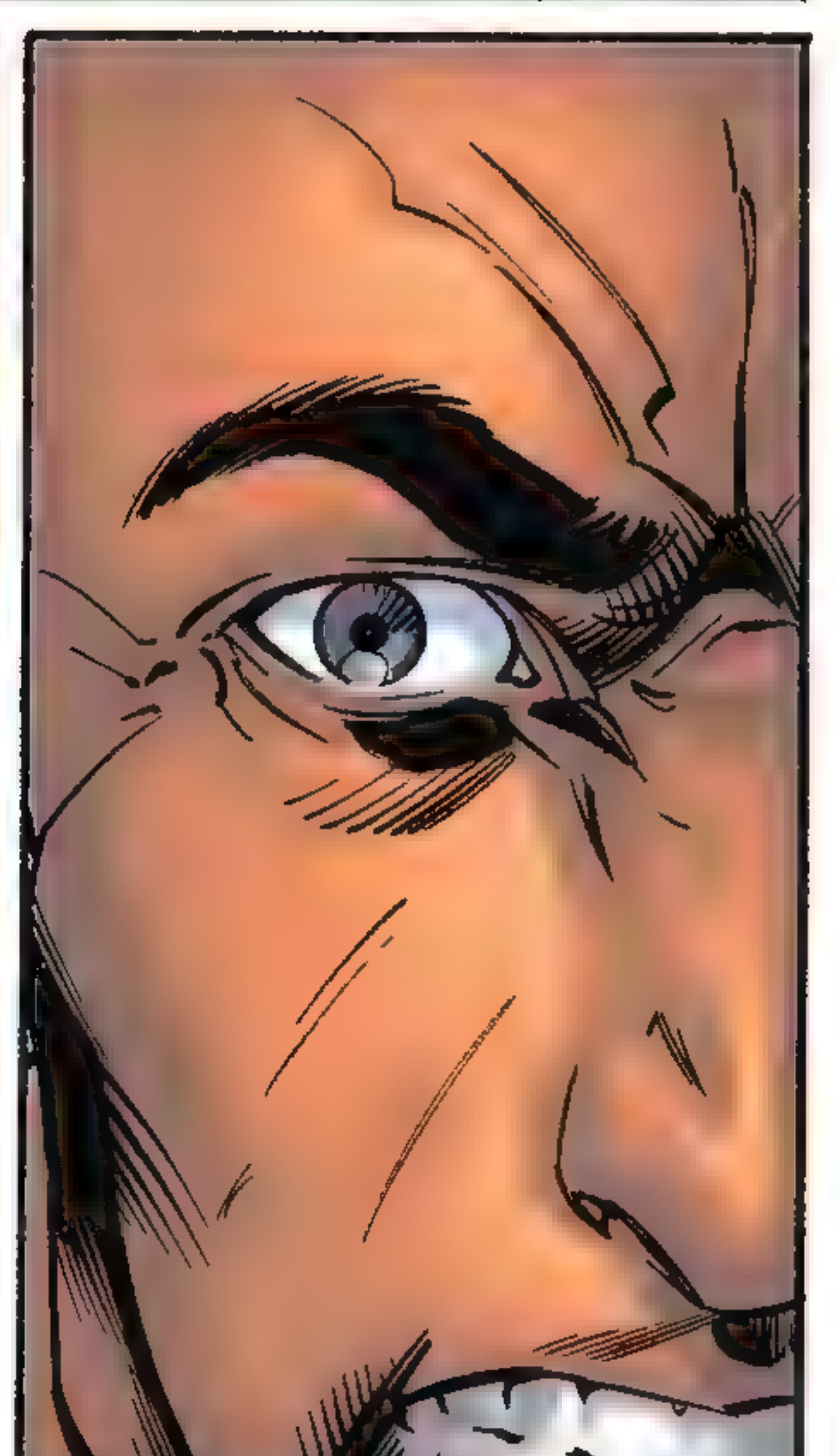
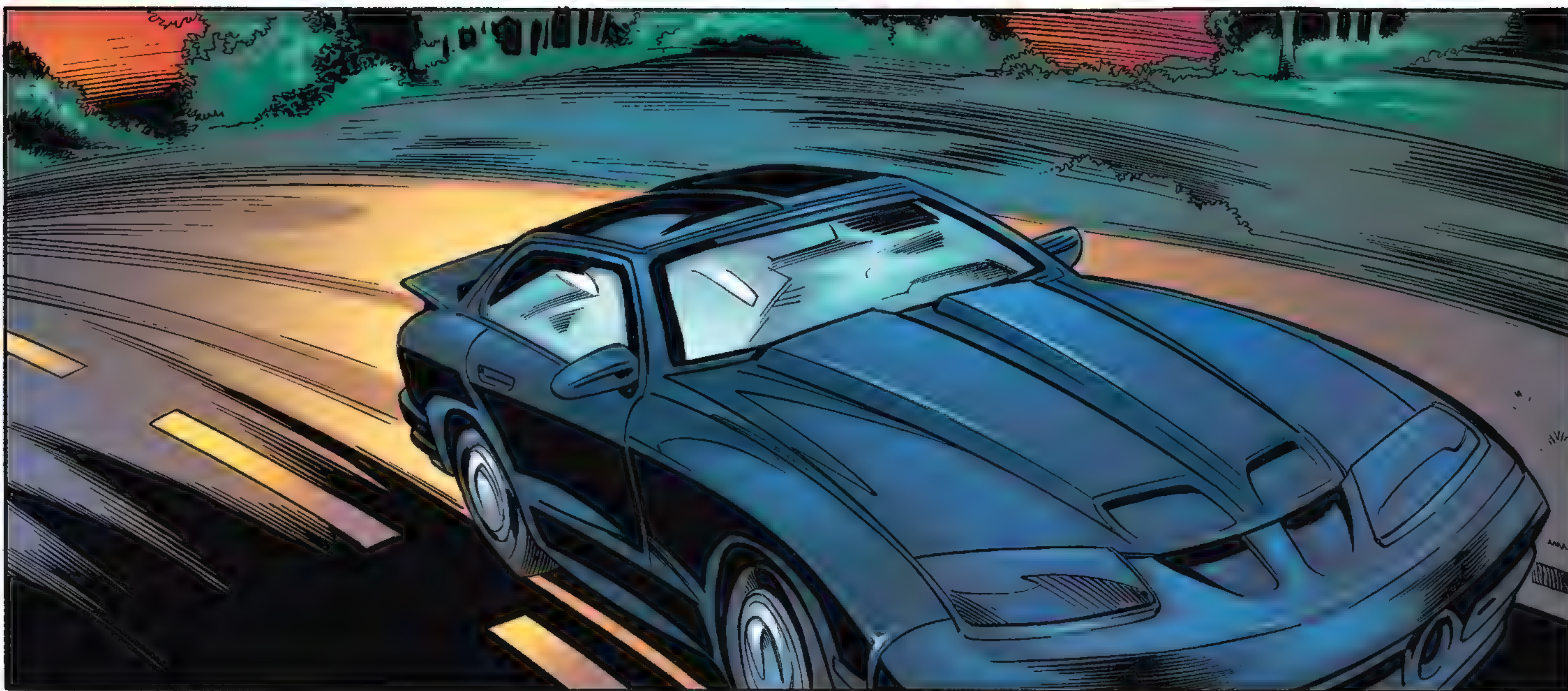


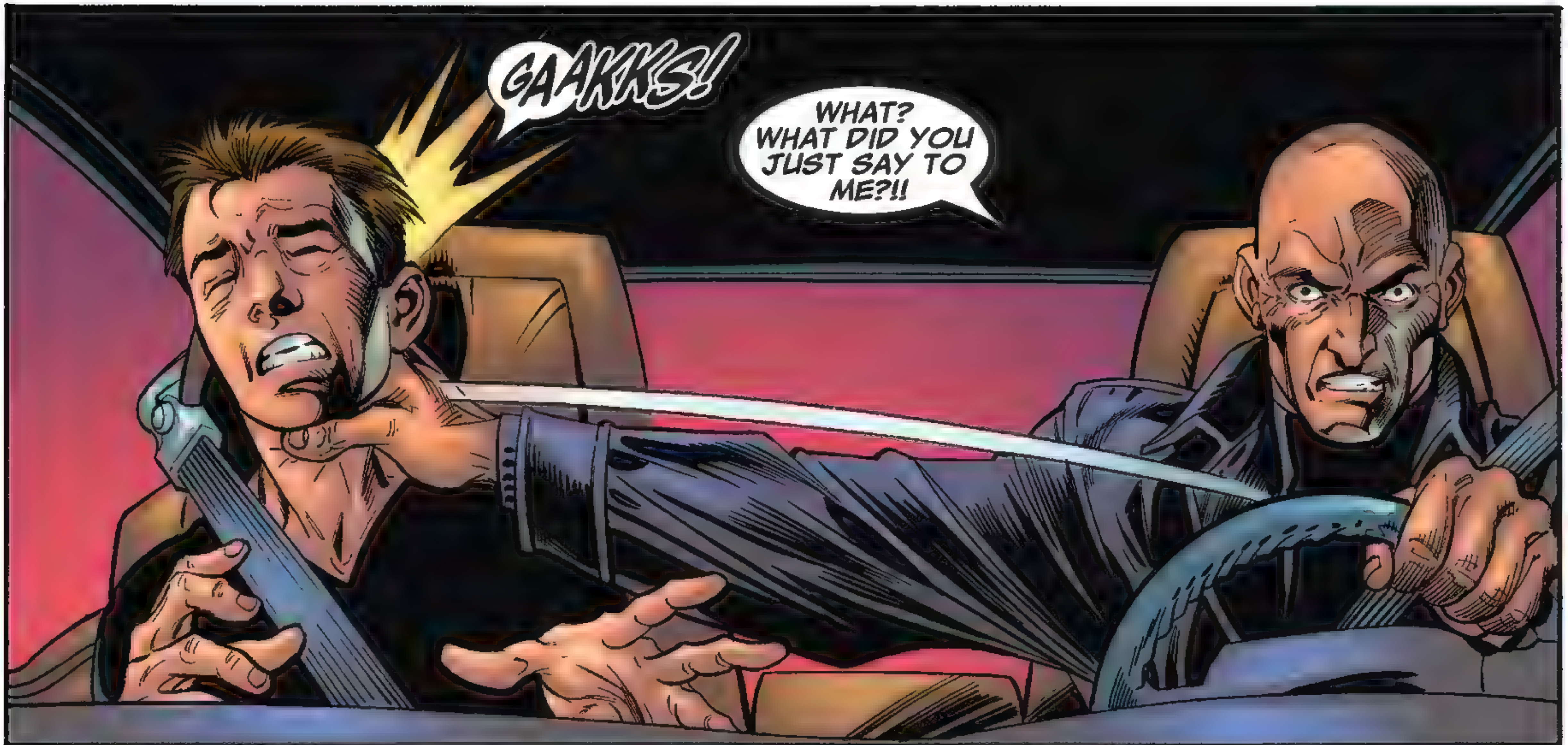
Because it's mine.

Three days ago

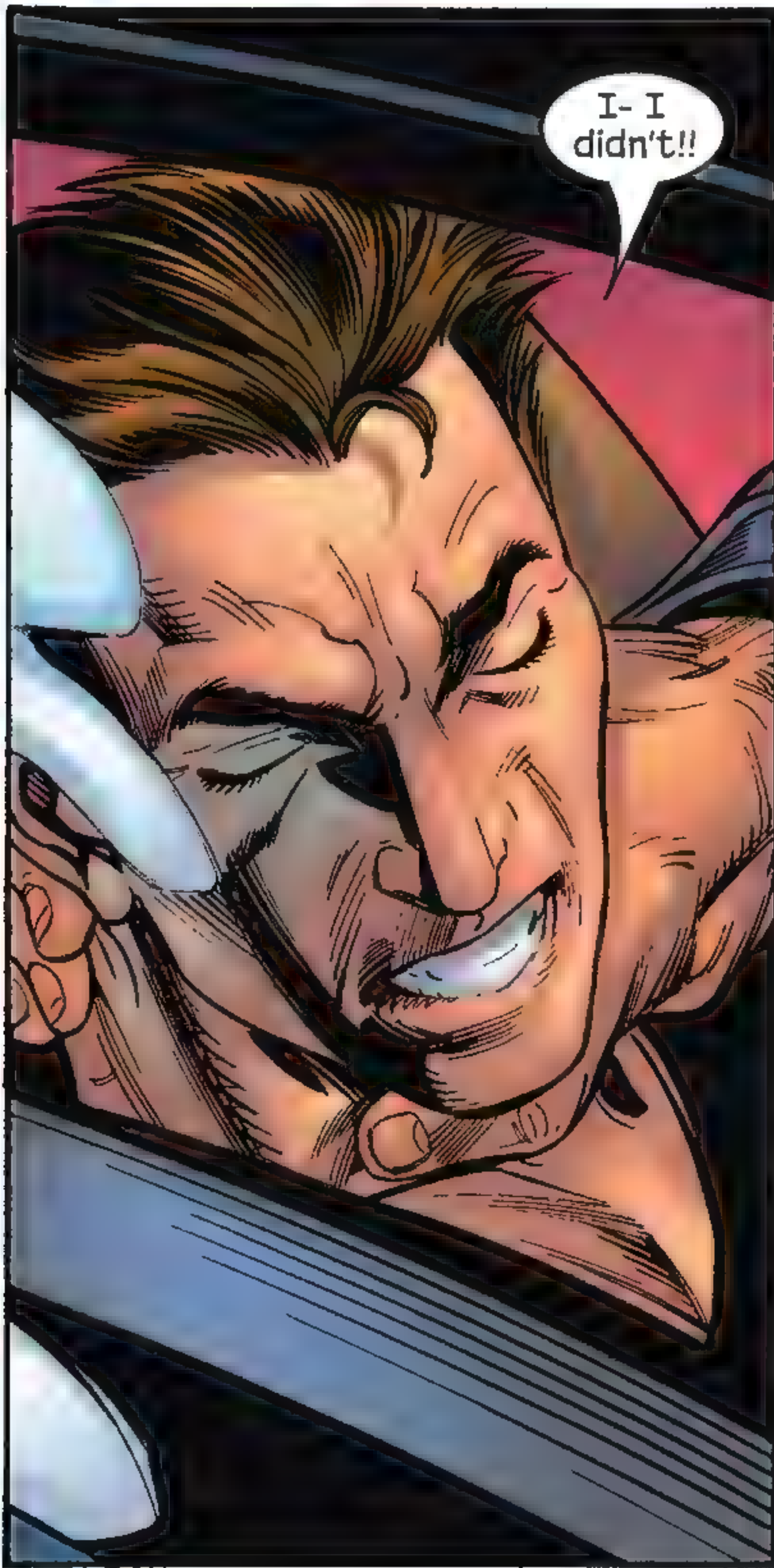








WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU
JUST SAY TO
ME?!!



I- I
didn't!!



I don't
know where
your dad
is.

All I know is
he gave me things
to do for him and
paid me to do
them.

This
is one of
them.



Are you
going to kill
me?

OF
course
not.

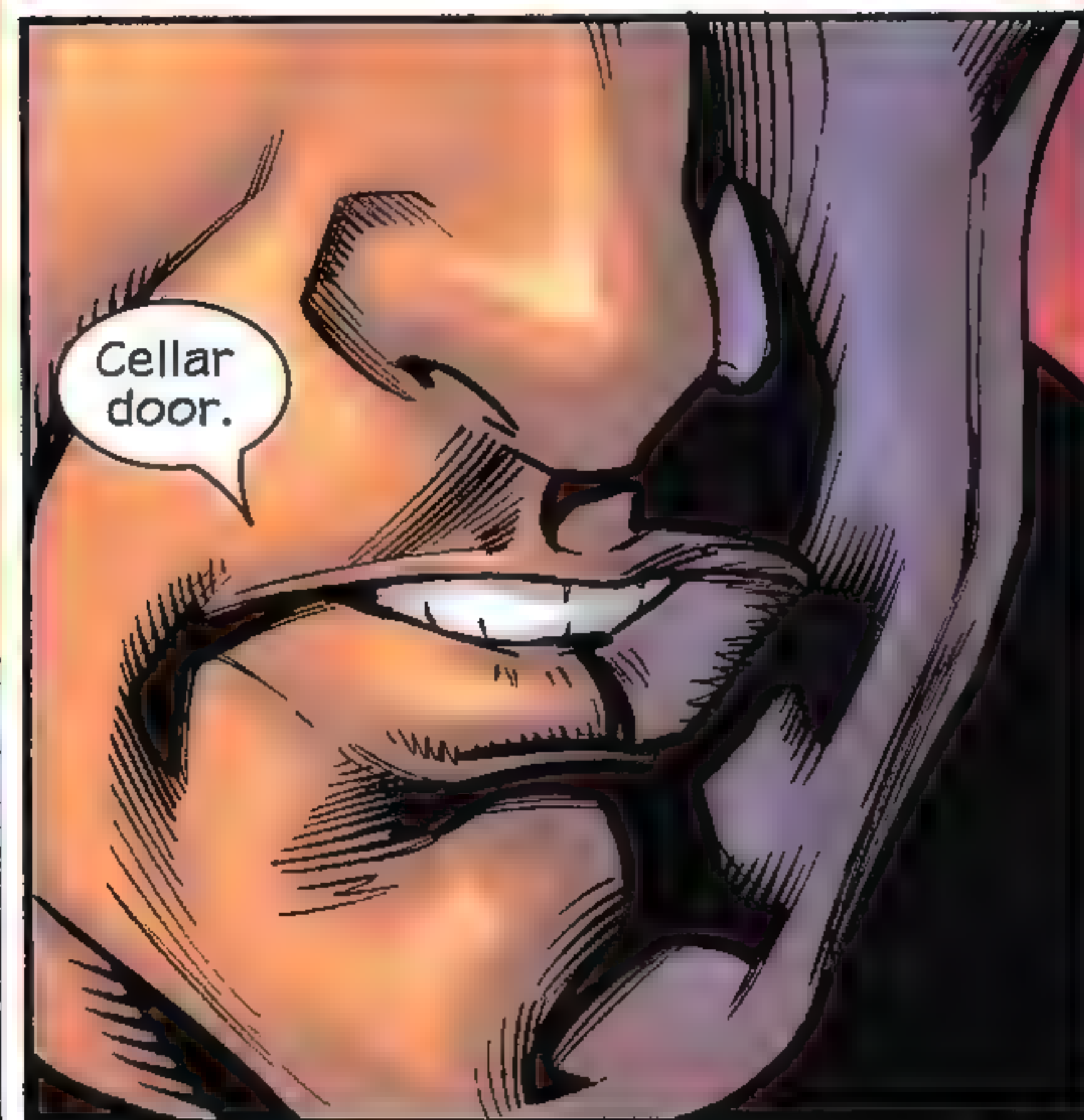
He wants
me to show you
something.



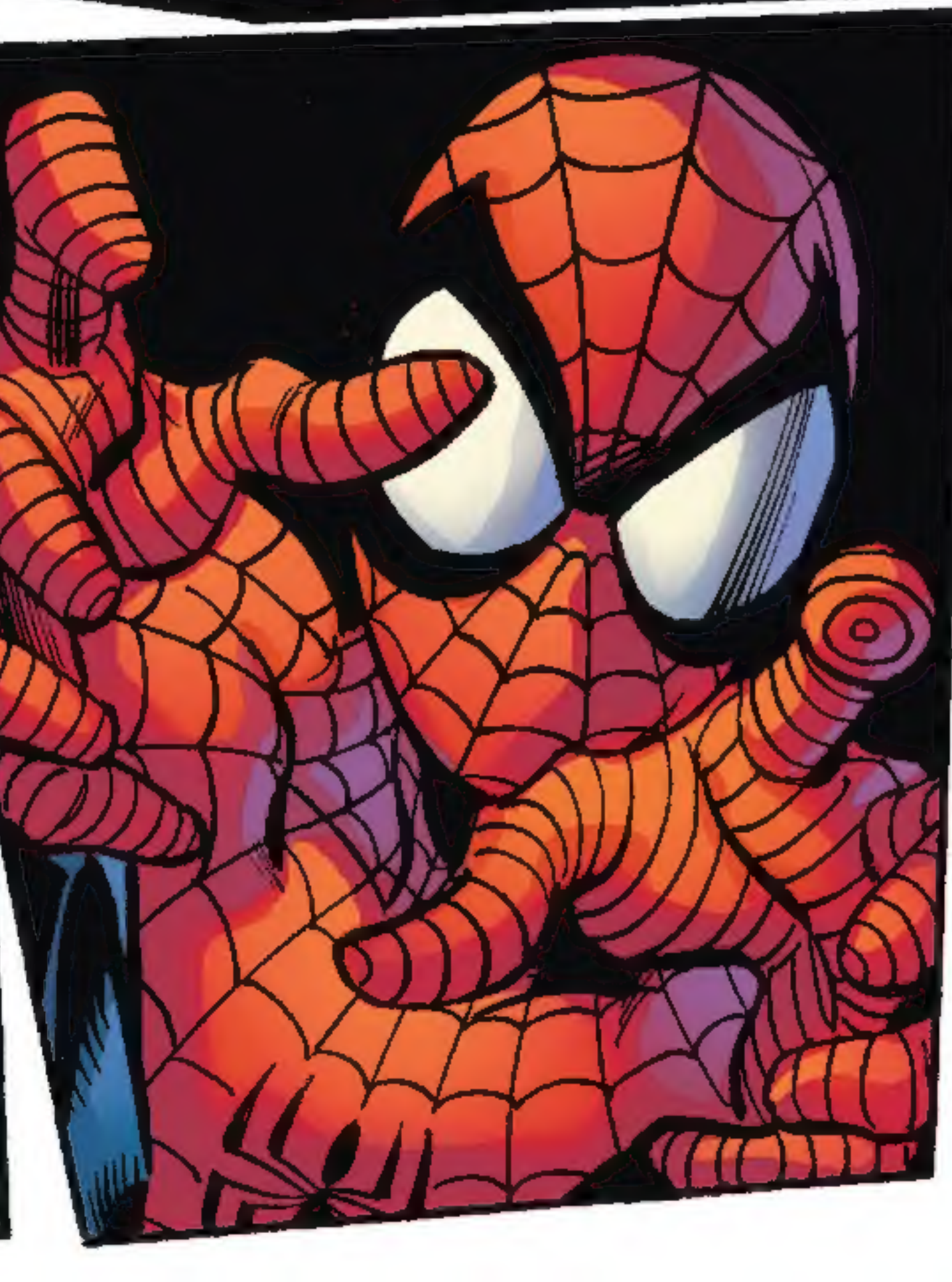
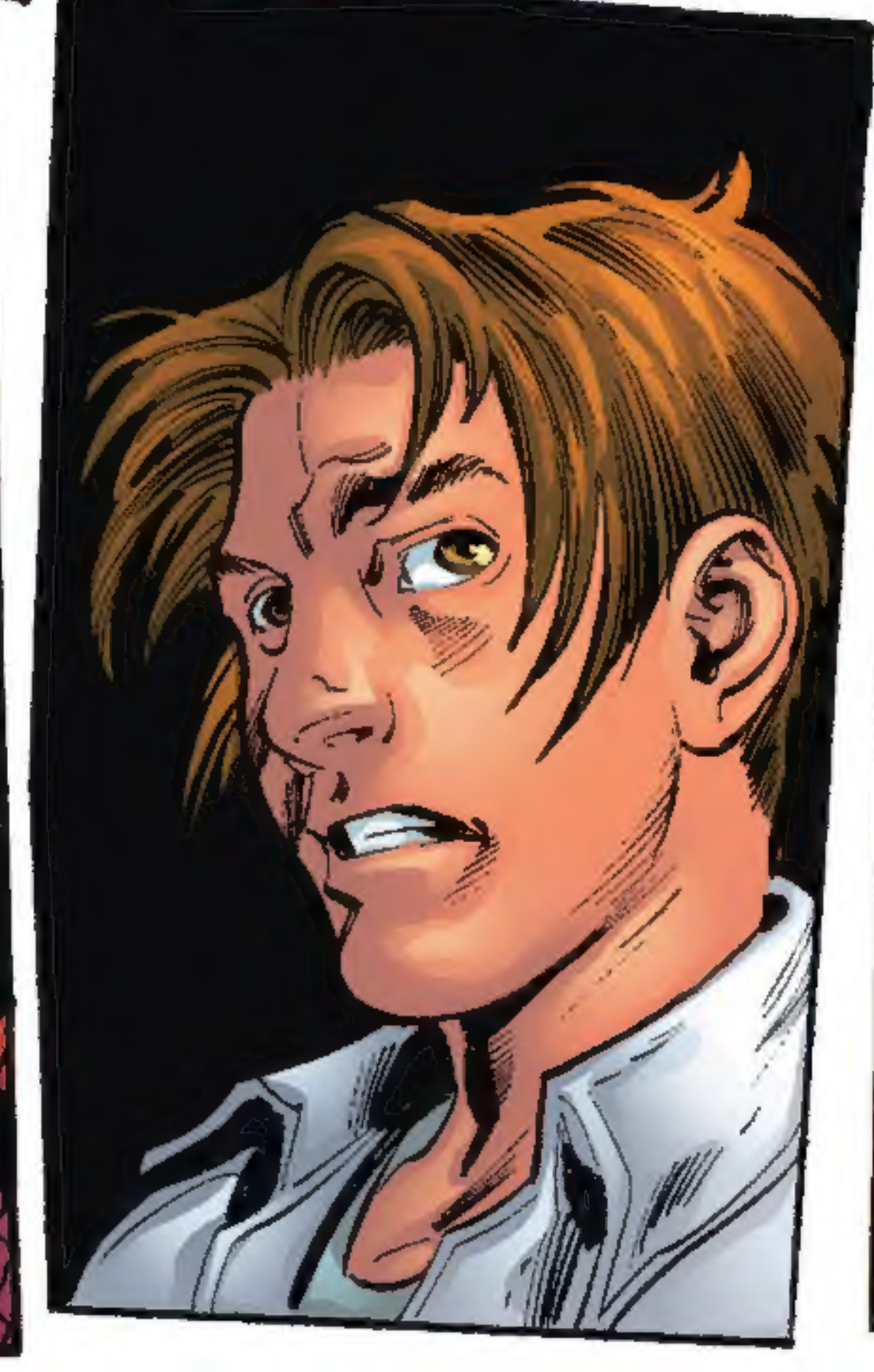
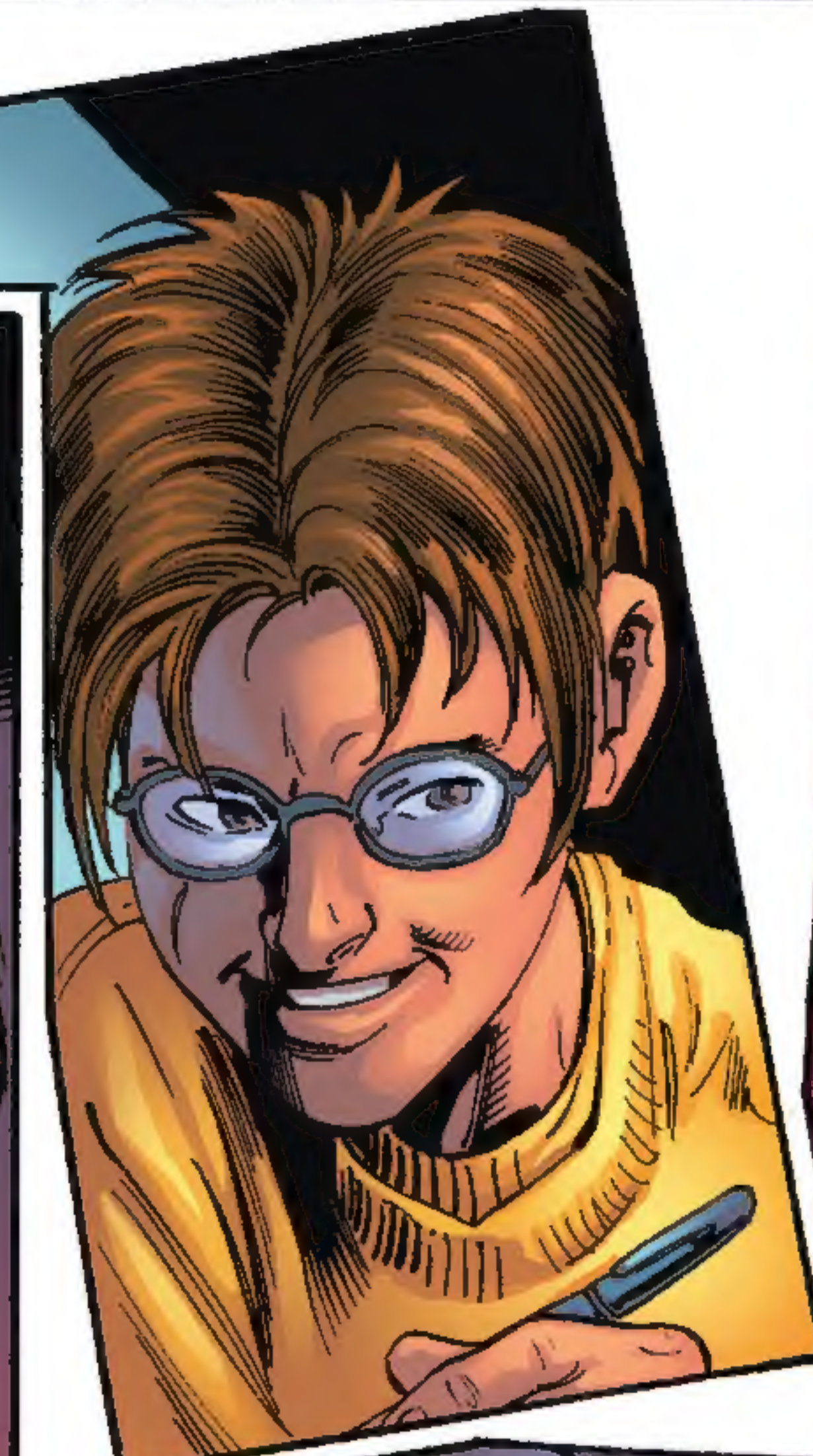
Me and your
dad were in the
Gulf together.

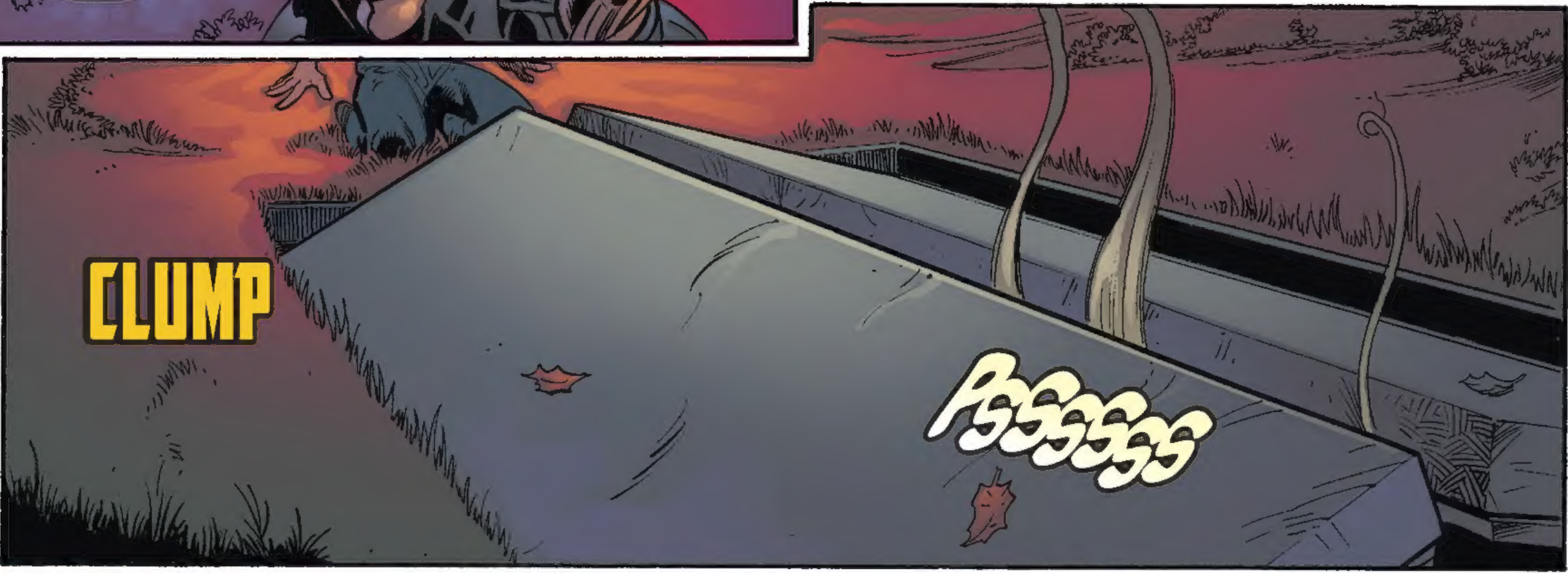
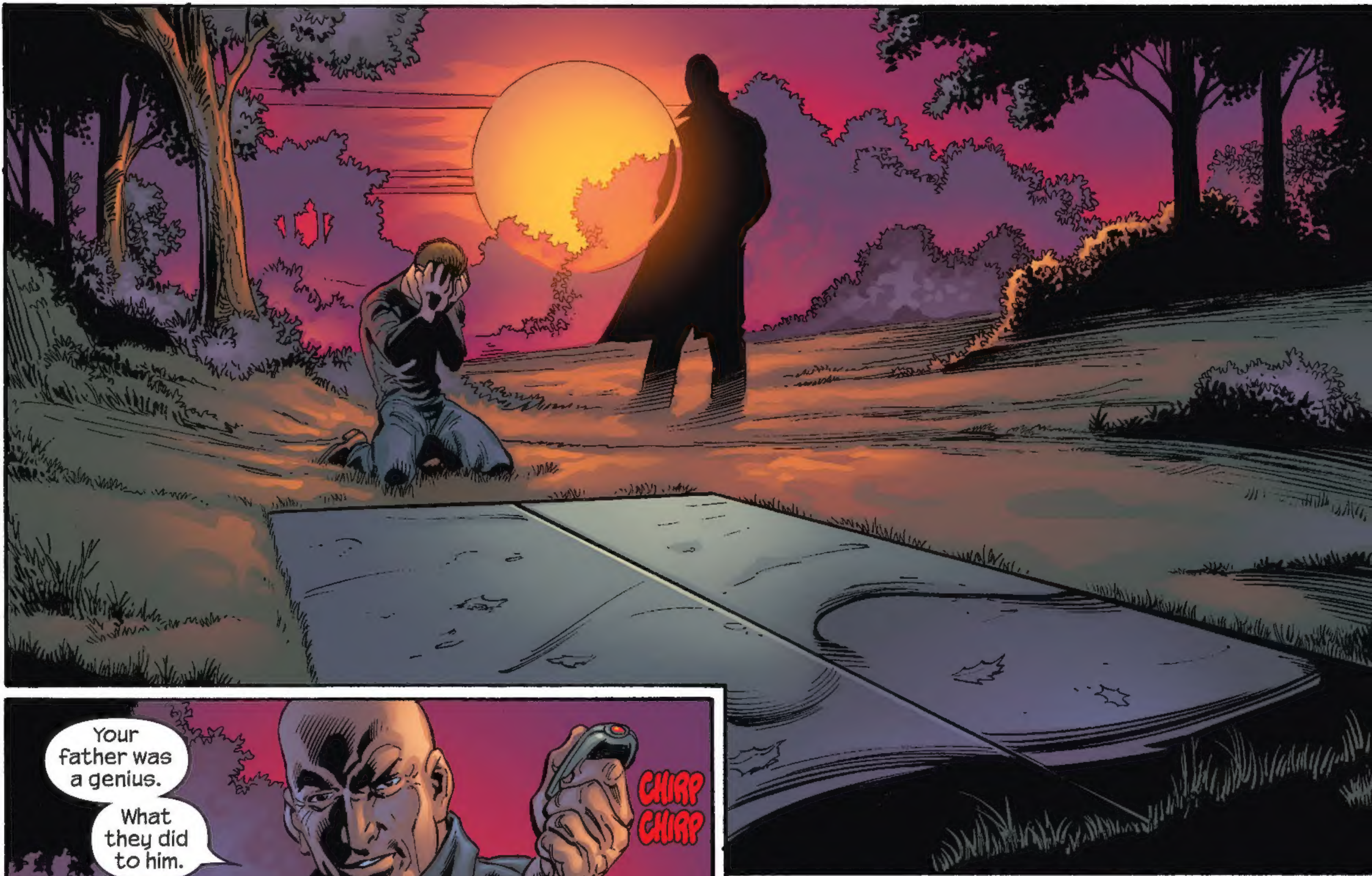
D'you know
that?

No.











To be
continued...



SON OF

VULTURON